GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:183
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2007
ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFFECTED CHILD LABOURERS
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers freed from labour in the country during the last three years, State-wise ;

(b) the number of child labourers and their families facing hardships for their livelihood due to the implementation of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 ;

(c) whether the Government has made any alternate arrangements to take care of the affected child labourers and their families; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.183 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2007 REGARDING ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFFECTED CHILD LABOURERS BY SHRI THAWARCHAND GEHLOT, M.P. AND SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, M.P.

(a) : The Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 250 districts of 20 States in the country for withdrawing and rehabilitating children working in hazardous occupations and processes. Under the NCLP Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put in special schools where they are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and health care so as to prepare them in a maximum of three years time to join the mainstream education system.This is done in close coordination with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan of Ministry of Human Resource Development. In 2003-04 172725, in 2004-05 167825 and in 2005-06, 283943 children withdrawn from hazardous occupations and processes were enrolled in Special Schools for child labour under the National Child Labour Project Scheme. The State-wise break-up of the number of children enrolled in the Special Schools for child labour under the National Child Labour Project Scheme during the last 3 years from 2003-04 to 2005-06 is given in Annexure – I.

(b) & (c) : The National Child Labour Project Scheme also envisages close convergence with income and employment generation schemes of other Ministries such as Women & Child Development, Rural Development, Social Justice and Empowerment and Urban Housing and Poverty Alleviation to cover the families of these children under these schemes for their economic rehabilitation.

(d) : Does not arise.